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NEBRASKA CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 4 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., May 17, 2002 - Nebraska feedlots, with capacities of 1,000 or more head, contained 2.17 million cattle on feed on May 1, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. The inventory was down 4 percent from last year and 3 percent below May 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 260,000 head, up 4 percent from 2001 but 19 percent below 2000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 380,000 head, up 10 percent from last year but equal to April two years ago. Other disappearance during April totaled 10,000 compared with 5,000 during April 2001 and 10,000 during April 2000.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.96 million head on May 1, 2002. The inventory was 2 percent below May 1, 2001 but slightly above May 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.45 million, 6 percent below 2001 and 15 percent below 2000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.99 million, 10 percent above 2001 and 6 percent above 2000. Other disappearance totaled 83,000 during April, 7 percent below 2001 and 8 percent below 2000.

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